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SUMMARY. EMILIO RIVERO, ECONOMIST, GRADUATE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, NOW ASSISTANT CHIEF OF DIRECTORY OF NORMS AND TECHNOLOGY UNDER ORLANDO DONOSO, IN MINISTRY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, NAMED TO REPRESENT BOLIVIA AT GROUP IV MEETING IN SANTIAGO. APPEARS TO BE THOROUGHLY PRACTICAL IN HIS APPROACH TO SCIENCE AND T/T PROBLEM. SAYS BOLIVIA ATTEMPTING TO FORM NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND T/T AUTONOMOUS FROM ALL BOLIVIAN MINISTRIES INCLUDING HIS OWN. SUPPORTS U.S. CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING COORDINATING OFFICE IN USG AND AGREES WITH CONTENTS OF REFTEL (B), BUT EXPRESSES DOUBT TOTAL FINANCING REQUIRED TO FORM NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND T/T WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT.

1. RIVERO SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS LATE NOV. 21 OR
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EARLY NOV. 22 REGARDING GROUP IV MEETING.

2. RIVERO STATES BOLIVIA'S PRESENT NATIONAL FOCAL POINT ON SCIENCE AND T/T IS DIRECTORY OF NORMS AND TECHNOLOGY AND NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. SAID THAT PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF UNIVERSITY OF SAN ANDRES, CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES, MINISTRY AGRICULTURE, SIDERSA (IRON-STEEL NATIONAL COMPANY), COMIBOL (NATIONAL MINING COMPANY), AND INSTITUTE MINING & METALLURGY.

3. HE ASKED IF USG COORDINATING OFFICE WOULD EVALUATE AND SELECT BEST TECHNOLOGICAL METHODS. TOOK VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RESTRICTIONS (CONNECTED WITH RECEIPT OF NEW TECHNOLOGY) ON MARKETS OR SOURCES OF RAW MATERIALS. ASKED IF USG WILL PROVIDE ENTIRE BUDGET FOR COSTS OF OPERATING USG COORDINATING OFFICE, AND IF USG WOULD HELP FINANCE AND LEND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SET UP BOLIVIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SCIENCE AND T/T.

4. TENTATIVELY, HE AGREED THAT COORDINATING OFFICE COULD BE SET UP IN OAS, BUT WITH TOTAL AUTONOMY OF ACTION.

5. COMMENTS: AT THIS STAGE, EMBASSY BELIEVES BOLIVIA NOT FULLY EQUIPPED TO RELATE EFFECTIVELY TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND COORDINATING COMMITTEE SYSTEM AND ITS WORK, ALTHOUGH IT CAN FORESEE NEED OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY ESPECIALLY TO STATE ENTERPRISES, IN REALM OF METALLURGY. RESULTS OF RIVERO'S MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FOREIGN MINISTRY AND OTHERS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN AVAILABLE.
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